OWL

REAL NAME: Leland Owlsley
KNOWN ALIASES: none
IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Professional criminal; former financier
CITIZENSHIP: United States of America with a criminal record
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed

MARITAL STATUS: Previously married; current status unrevealed
KNOWN RELATIVES: Unidentified family
GROUP AFFILIATION: Leader of the Owl Gang; former ally of Mr. Kline, former member of the Gang of Four
EDUCATION: Unrevealed
FIRST APPEARANCE: Daredevil Vol. 1 #3 (1964)

HISTORY: Leland Owlsley was originally a financier with philanthropic aspirations, a thriving business, and a loving family. He was eventually persuaded to launder money for the mob. Developing an aptitude for this new vocation, Owlsley eventually became known as the Owl, the most ruthless financial wizard of all time. When the Internal Revenue Service audited him, he framed his accountant, George Grey for the crimes. Grey ended his life, and the subsequent investigations exposed Owlsley's criminal connections. As soon as his underworld activities came to light, the Owl discarded his pretense of respectability and made plans to become a major crime lord in New York City, leaving behind his former life.

He recruited henchmen to serve in his Owl Gang, and made his base in the Aerie, high above the New Jersey Palisades cliffs. Under unspecified circumstances he acquired a serum which enabled him to fly short distances. Carrying out a scheme to recruit the law firm of Nelson & Murdock for nefarious purposes, the Owl was confronted by Daredevil. He and his men actually captured both Daredevil and Karen Page, but were eventually forced to flee when Daredevil broke free. He was captured by the police in the process of escaping.

After his release, the Owl kidnapped Judge Lewis, who had sentenced him to prison. Conducting a mock trial, the Owl had Matt Murdock kidnapped to act as Lewis' lawyer; Murdock played along, calling in Daredevil as a witness. Despite using a gigantic mechanical owl against the hero, the Owl barely escaped from his new island Aerie while Daredevil freed the judge.

The Owl was then contacted by the mysterious Mr. Kline, who assigned him the task of capturing Daredevil. The Owl left Daredevil for dead at the bottom of the Hudson River after an explosion, but since this was contrary to his plans, Kline manipulated events so that the Black Widow would save Daredevil.

The Owl moved to Chicago where he acquired the technology to increase his own knowledge by draining other people's brainpower. However, his plot was foiled by the Cat (later Tigra). Relocating to San Francisco, he reconstructed the brainpower device, captured Daredevil, and tried to use the device on him. The Black Widow and Shanna the She-Devil saved Daredevil, who defeated the Owl in battle, leaving him for the police.

The Owl was then stricken by a debilitating ailment which paralyzed his legs, apparently a side effect of chronic use of the flight serum. Establishing a new Aerie in the Palisades, the Owl freed the Man-Bull from prison and sent him to kidnap the renowned neurologist Prof. Brent Kerwin so that Kerwin could cure the Owl's neurologic problems. Daredevil saved Kerwin from the Man-Bull. Then the Owl desperately traveled upstate to see another specialist, Dr. Howard Petrovic, who was coerced into devising an exoskeleton and flying device for him. However, Petrovic sabotaged the device, and the Owl plunged into the Hudson River during a struggle with Daredevil.

The Owl was saved by his gang, after which he was successful in recruiting Kerwin who devised a "neurologic pacemaker" to cope with the side effects of the flight serum. Daredevil and Spider-Man rescued Kerwin and defeated the Owl, causing him to have an acute anxiety attack beyond the pacemaker's ability to rectify.

Art by Terry Dodson

Recovering, the Owl had a flying module built to compensate for his now paralyzed legs. He plotted to launch a huge crimewave, but was thwarted in the planning stages by Spider-Man and the Black Widow. After the Tinkerer rebuilt his leg braces, the Owl embarked on an ambitious scheme to replace the Kingpin as New York's top gangleader. After failing to recruit the Kingpin's former hitman Boomerang, he proposed an alliance with Dr. Octopus, which was refused. A war with Dr. Octopus and his gang resulted. The Owl sought a nuclear warhead in order to use it to blackmail New York--while Dr. Octopus sought to use it, period. Eventually the two came into direct conflict; after the Owl delivered a few slashes, Octopus managed to smash him, beat him savagely, and shatter his leg braces.

After recuperating in a prison hospital, the Owl had his agents kidnap Billy and Martha Connors, hoping to force Dr. Curt Connors to use the Lizard serum to help restore his damaged nervous system. Spider-Man helped rescue Billy and Martha, after which the Lizard confronted the Owl and forced him to surrender.

Recovering on his own, the Owl hired the Chicago gang known as the Bombers to help him force his way into the New York drug trade, but both the Owl and the Bombers were defeated by Daredevil. The Owl was then mystically summoned to Winnipeg, Canada by Llan the Sorcerer, where he battled the supergroups Alpha Flight and Gamma Flight alongside the Asp, Nekra, and the Scorpion. The conflict ended when Witchfire severed Llan's controls, causing all of his pawns to drop like marionettes with their strings cut. The Owl was among the numerous criminals drawn to Washington, D.C. by Dr. Doom's Aggression Enhancer. All present were directed to attack the Fantastic Four during their testimony on the Super-Powers Act. His mind clouded by the Enhancer, the Owl was easily defeated, and he awakened with no memory of how he had come to be there.

Imprisoned again, the Owl found that he had begun to mutate, his body becoming more like a real owl's. These physical changes also pushed him towards madness. Escaping, the Owl sought to take over the position of New York's crimelord, following the recent fall of the Kingpin. When the Kingpin's former subordinates proved reluctant to serve him, the Owl savagely attacked them, leaving dead bodies as warnings against those who resisted him. He fought Daredevil in what was perhaps their most brutal struggle; Daredevil again defeated him, and the Owl was overcome by the horror of what he had become.

Partially recovering in prison, the Owl eventually broke out to escape from the endless psychiatric sessions. Unsure of his motivations, he formed a reluctant alliance with the Vulture, but eventually turned against him, helping Spider-Man and Daredevil foil the Vulture's plot. He even supplied Spider-Man with the antidote to the Vulture's virus. The Owl then joined Copperhead, Stilt-Man, and the new Gladiator as the Gang of Four, undertaking a strategic attack on the Kingpin's empire. After fighting Daredevil and Spider-Man, however, the Owl realized that Copperhead was using them, intending to sacrifice a soul to his demonic master. The Owl saved Daredevil from Copperhead, entering the demon's portal himself, hoping to repent for his life of crime.

The Owl later reappeared in New York City, more violent than ever. Vanessa Fisk had divided her husband's empire between several other criminals, but deliberately excluded the Owl, whom she cursed. As Vanessa had planned, the Owl then attacked the other would-be crimelords and usurped their power. He began pushing a Mutant Growth Hormone, which was based on samples of his own DNA and granted temporary superhuman powers to those who partook of it. The Owl initially tried to pose as an innocent businessman, but Daredevil eventually goaded him into attacking FBI agents, after which Daredevil defeated him and he was imprisoned.

Escaping once again, the Owl continued re-establishing himself in New York as a major player amoung the crime lords. Backstabbed by Electro and the Vulture, who decided to keep $20 million dollars they were hired to collect, the Owl framed the duo as the pair who had kidnapped Spider-Man's Aunt May, manipulating Spider-Man to help take down the pair.

He has also employed the Black Cat for minor jobs, apparently respecting her decision to stay lawful. The Owl has failed to maintain a position of power in the past, and whether his skills, and their variability with his unstable physical condition, will prove sufficient in the future remains uncertain.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Height: 5'11"
Weight: 200-220 lbs.; (wearing braces) 240 lbs.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown

Distinguishing Features: The Owl had occasionally taken on more owl-like characteristics, including eyes able to move independently of each other, a neck able to rotate 180 degrees, and the consumption of live rodents.

POWERS & ABILITIES:

Superhuman Powers: The Owl possesses the capacity for limited flight. With no wind to assist him, he can fly for short distances, no higher than about fifteen feet and no farther than about a hundred feet. With a good strong tailwind, he can glide considerable higher and farther. His maximum speed of flight is approximately 30 miles per hour.

The Owl has occasionally developed razor-sharp talons on his fingers,; he has enhanced vision (including heightened night perception and the ability to move his eyes independently of each other), enhanced hearing, hollowed out bones, air sacs in his lungs, and additional cervical (neck) vertebrae, enabling him to rotate his neck over 180 degrees. These changes tend to occur with chronic use of his flight serum, and he has had to adjust his dosage several times over the years.

Equipment: The Owl wears a specially designed cloak whose aerodynamic properties assist him in steering during his flight. He has sometimes worn a special leg-brace exoskeleton to assist him in standing and walking.

The Owl employs a pair of razor-edged, tool-steel talons attached to his forearms and extending over his knuckles.

He has used a helicopter customized with his owl insignia to transport himself or his gang. He has also employed various one-man flying craft.

KAREN PAGE

REAL NAME: Karen Page
KNOWN ALIASES: Paige Angel, various acting roles
IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Radio talk show host; former legal secretary, actress, prostitute, crisis/legal counselor, activist
CITIZENSHIP: U.S. citizen with no known criminal record
PLACE OF BIRTH: Fagan Corners, Vermont

MARITAL STATUS: Single
KNOWN RELATIVES: Paxton Page (a.k.a. Death's-Head, father, deceased); Mrs. Page (mother)
GROUP AFFILIATION: None
EDUCATION: College degree
FIRST APPEARANCE: Daredevil Vol. 1 #1 (1964)

HISTORY: The daughter of noted scientist Paxton Page, Karen Page came to New York in hopes of an acting career but initially had little luck. Her consideration of options was interrupted when the diner at which she was eating became the site of a savage dispute between the criminal Kruel and his employer Wilson Fisk, the Kingpin. After dealing with Kruel, Fisk had Page and other witnesses drugged to forget the encounter. Perhaps as a subconscious result of this incident, Page abandoned her acting pursuit for a time, eventually applying for work at the fledgling law firm of Nelson & Murdock. There she met attorneys Franklin "Foggy" Nelson, himself another unknowing witness of Kruel's fate, and Matt Murdock, whose blindness concealed heightened senses and activities as the costumed adventurer Daredevil. Both men were drawn to Page, but her interest soon centered on Murdock, who mistook her growing love for pity.

Unaware of Murdock's secret identity, Page nevertheless soon found herself depending on Daredevil when she was kidnapped by the criminal Owl. Following a subsequent rescue from the Purple Man, she suggested that the hero change his costume from yellow to red in keeping with his codename, a suggestion that Daredevil quickly took to heart. Unfortunately, he proved less receptive in his civilian identity's relationship with Page; even when convinced of her genuine love, Murdock kept her at a distance lest she be endangered by his double life. After several months of working for Murdock's firm and crossing paths with him as Daredevil, Page, fearing that Matt would never return her love, left Nelson & Murdock. When blackmail endeavors by Starr Saxon led Murdock to fake his own death, Page left New York entirely, returning to her hometown in Vermont.

Page found that her father's cobalt radiation work had granted him superhuman powers but had cost him his sanity, leading him to take the costumed identity of Death's-Head. Meanwhile, Murdock, his love for Page overwhelming his concern for his secrets, came to Vermont to reconcile with her and reveal the truth about his alleged death. Daredevil clashed with Death's-Head in battle, but when Death's-Head inadvertently sent a vat of molten cobalt into his daughter's path, he sacrificed himself by pushing her out of the way, dying in her place. Following her father's funeral, Daredevil revealed his true identity to Page. When Foggy Nelson, now District Attorney, announced that Murdock's alleged death had been a hoax to entrap Saxon, the two returned to New York and became engaged. However, Page's insistence that Murdock give up his Daredevil activities drove a wedge between them, leading her to cancel the engagement and set out for Los Angeles to pursue her original dreams as an actress. Again Daredevil followed her, saving her from the crazed Brother Brimstone, but his efforts at reconciliation failed. Page eventually found work on the television series of the cyclist Stuntmaster, and she enjoyed a brief relationship with cyclist Johnny Blaze, secretly the demonic Ghost Rider. When Daredevil's enemy Death-Stalker temporarily took Paxton Page's Death's-Head identity, Page was abducted by the villain, only to be rescued by the joint efforts of Ghost Rider and Daredevil. However, Page's reunion with Daredevil did not renew their relationship, and she eventually lost touch with Blaze as well, finding success in television serials and films.

Art by Tim Sale

Unfortunately, Page's success did not last, and as she struggled to find work she found herself reduced to appearing in pornographic films. The pressure of her efforts drove her to heroin use, and at times she descended to prostitution in order to feed her addiction. Stranded in Mexico following an unsuccessful film offer, Page grew desperate enough to sell knowledge of Daredevil's secret identity to an underworld informant; the information found its way to the Kingpin, now one of Daredevil's bitterest enemies, who used it to sabotage Murdock's life in hopes of breaking the hero's spirit. Murdock was nearly driven mad by the Kingpin's systematic efforts, and Page found her own life threatened when the Kingpin ordered all who had knowledge of Daredevil's secret to be slain. Page escaped an attempt on her life, then bargained with a drug dealer named Paulo Scorcese for passage to New York, where she hoped to receive protection from Daredevil. Fleeing Scorcese shortly after her arrival, Page briefly found sanctuary with Foggy Nelson, only to find herself targeted by both Scorcese and the Kingpin's assassins. Facing what seemed certain death, she prepared to commit suicide via a heroin overdose but was saved by the arrival of Daredevil.

Upon learning of Page's betrayal, Murdock forgave her and helped her overcome her addiction. The two renewed their romantic ties, moving in together in Murdock's old neighborhood of Hell's Kitchen. Murdock soon opened a legal aid clinic where Page found fulfilment as a counselor to those who faced ordeals similar to her own. However, Murdock's efforts did not go unnoticed by the Kingpin, who again sought to break his enemy. To this end, he hired the unstable mercenary and split-personality known as Typhoid Mary to steal Murdock's heart, and despite his love for Page, Murdock found himself increasingly drawn to Typhoid's "Mary" persona. Having assured herself of Murdock's devotion, Typhoid Mary organized several of Daredevil's enemies to attack him en masse, nearly beating him to death. As Mary, Typhoid Mary brought Daredevil to a hospital to receive medical care; when Page arrived to see him, Mary revealed her own knowledge of Daredevil's true identity and claimed to be his lover, a claim that seemed substantiated when the barely conscious hero spoke Mary's name. The heartbroken Page fled. Upon recovery, Daredevil, deeply ashamed of his infidelity, left New York for months.

During Murdock's absence, Page found new purpose as an anti-pornography activist, again hoping to help others in the straits she had suffered. Upon his return to the city, Murdock sought her out, but their relationship was not easily rebuilt. When reporter Sara Harrington sought to expose his secret identity, Murdock again faked his own death, leaving Page to mourn him; she channelled her grief into an investigation of a child pornography ring, hiring the cyborg investigator John Garrett in hopes of exposing the abusers.

Page also sought solace in the company of Foggy Nelson, only for both to be startled by the appearance of the supposed "original" yellow-garbed Daredevil, actually Murdock in a precarious mental state. Page soon learned the truth, and when Murdock's death was again exposed as a hoax, the two renewed their relationship. Hoping to remake herself once more, Page became a WFSK radio talk show host under the name "Paige Angel," in which capacity she praised Daredevil's heroic deeds. However, WFSK's manager proved to be the costumed criminal Insomnia, transmitting low-frequency sonics to audiences on behalf of Mister Fear (Cranston). Insomnia took Page hostage and interrogated her about Daredevil, only to meet defeat as the hero came to the rescue. But Page's troubles were not over yet, as Fear framed her for murdering supposed police officer Charles Boroughs; in fact, Boroughs was a vicious serial killer, and Murdock exonerated Page in court while, as Daredevil, he exposed Fear's involvement.

Despite her love for Murdock, Page became troubled by her growing dependence upon him, and when she was offered a radio job in California, she accepted it and left New York. However, the job offer was only part of an elaborate scheme by the villainous Mysterio, who had purchased Murdock's secrets from the Kingpin in order to destroy Daredevil's life himself in a crazed culmination of his own career. Page's medical examination, doctored by Mysterio, revealed that she had contracted the AIDS virus, a revelation that sent her fleeing back into the arms of Murdock, himself back on the verge of emotional collapse as a result of being covertly drugged by Mysterio. Mysterio next manipulated Page into believing that her condition was supernaturally induced by an orphaned baby in the care of the troubled Murdock, who half-believed the child to be the Antichrist. Page sought the baby at Sister Maggie's church, but Mysterio had also dispatched the assassin Bullseye there, where the killer murdered several nuns. Daredevil arrived and engaged Bullseye in battle, losing his billy club in the process. As Bullseye made his escape, he hurled the club at Daredevil, but Page, desperate to protect her lover, threw herself in its path instead, echoing the earlier sacrifice of her father. The club plunged into Page's chest, leaving her to die in Daredevil's arms.

Art by Joe Quesada

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Height: 5' 7"
Weight: 125 lbs.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Blonde

POWERS & ABILITIES

Superhuman Powers: None. Karen Page was a reasonably skilled legal assistant, actress, and radio show host.

POWER GRID 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

- INTELLIGENCE
- STRENGTH
- SPEED
- DURABILITY
- ENERGY PROJECTION
- FIGHTING SKILLS

PURPLE MAN

REAL NAME: Zebediah Killgrave
KNOWN ALIASES: Killgrave the Purple Man, Killy
IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Professional criminal, Megalomaniac; former spy
CITIZENSHIP: Resident alien living in the United States with an international criminal record
PLACE OF BIRTH: Rijeka, Yugoslavia

MARITAL STATUS: Divorced
KNOWN RELATIVES: Melanie Killgrave (ex-wife), Kara Killgrave (a.k.a., Persuasion, daughter)
GROUP AFFILIATION: Formerly led a band of criminals
EDUCATION: Unrevealed
FIRST APPEARANCE: Daredevil Vol. 1 #4 (1964)

HISTORY: Zebediah Killgrave was a spy working for communist agents on a mission to steal a nerve gas being developed by the U.S. Army. When a guard fired upon Killgrave, a bullet hit a canister of the gas which doused Killgrave and turned his skin purple. He was captured, but then immediately released when the soldier shockingly believed the inadequate excuse he came up with for being on the base. Killgrave soon learned that the nerve gas had granted him the power to command the wills of other people.

Killgrave initially used his powers to manipulate others to serve his desires. At a bar in Buffalo, New York, he commanded a young woman named Melanie to marry him. Over time Killgrave came to have true affection for her and removed his influence to see if she felt the same way; she did not, and she left him forever, traveling to Toronto where she eventually gave birth in secret to Killgrave's daughter, Kara.

Years later, Killgrave robbed a bank in New York City and allowed himself to be arrested. Matt Murdock was to be his lawyer, but Killgrave simply commanded the guard to let him go. Smitten with Karen Page, Killgrave took her with him, leading to an encounter with Daredevil who had the will power to resist his commands. Killgrave manipulated a crowd to occupy Daredevil while he escaped, but Daredevil tracked him down, tricked him into bragging about his crimes on tape, and then bound Killgrave in a plastic sheet sufficient to stifle his powers so that he could be sent to prison again.

Killgrave's powers were neutralized by a chemical mist constantly pumped into his cell, but when an electrical overload stopped the inflow of mist, he escaped. Moving to San Francisco to build his criminal empire, he soon crossed paths with Daredevil, who had recently moved there as well. Killgrave sent his men to rob the Williams Building, intending to use the Purple Man's nerve gas when Daredevil arrived to stop them. When Daredevil resisted the gas as well, Killgrave directed a crowd to attack him. Daredevil narrowly escaped with the aid of the Black Widow's old ally, Ivan Petrovich. Frustrated, Killgrave recruited Electro, but he still met defeat when Daredevil caused his hovercraft to crash; the Widow defeated Electro by leading him into a lightning rod factory which nullified his powers.

Using his powers to escape the police, Killgrave established a subterranean stronghold in the American Midwest from which he plotted the death of Daredevil. His operations were accidentally discovered by Hawkeye and the time-displaced 19th century hero the Two-Gun Kid. Hawkeye managed to disrupt Killgrave's concentration with a hypersonic arrow, and the pair destroyed his base before escaping.

Killgrave later resurfaced in New York City, using his power to force Maxwell Glenn, head of Glenn Industries, to commit numerous criminal acts. Daredevil eventually traced the actions back to Maxwell Glenn and turned him over to the police; Glenn cooperated and confessed his crimes. However, Daredevil recognized the dazed look in Glenn's eyes and tracked down Killgrave, forcing him to flee despite his increase in power. Maxwell Glenn committed suicide soon thereafter.

Art by Michael Gaydos

Killgrave, who had learned Daredevil's secret identity, then had Cobra and Mr. Hyde abduct Daredevil and bring him to Ryker's Island prison, where they were joined by Gladiator (Melvin Potter) and the Jester in attacking the hero. Aided by the mercenary known as Paladin, Daredevil defeated the villains. Attempting to tackle Daredevil himself, Killgrave fell into the sea and seemingly drowned.

Surviving, Killgrave encountered Jessica Jones, the super hero known as Jewel. He made her his personal servant for months before he finally sent her off in a fit of rage, causing her to get into a fight with the Avengers. Upon reviving from a coma, Jones was told that Killgrave had been defeated by Daredevil yet again.

Escaping from prison, Killgrave decided that since his powers enabled him to have whatever he wanted, he would now retire from crime. However, the Kingpin sent an assassin, Heinrich von Schnickel-Schnapp, to test Killgrave's power. When it proved real, Heinrich led Killgrave to the Kingpin, who proved capable of resisting Killgrave's power. The Kingpin directed Killgrave in a plot to kill Daredevil, but Daredevil was assisted by four heroes—Moon Knight, Spider-Man, Power Man (Cage), and Iron Fist. Using a pair of ear plugs, Moon Knight was able to ignore Killgrave's commands and punch him out. Killgrave was again sent to prison.

Killgrave relocated to an estate in French Polynesia to live a life of idle luxury. However, he was located and captured by Doctor Doom. The would-be conqueror planned to used Killgrave's power to force the entire world to obey him via his power-enhancing Pyscho-Prism. However, Doom found that having control was not as satisfying as the act of conquest itself. When the Avenger Wonder Man, whose ionic energy-powered body resisted Killgrave's power, led the enslaved heroes to revolt, Doom decided not to use his back-up plan, but rather allowed the rebellion to proceed. As a result, Namor the Sub-Mariner shattered the Psycho-Prism, apparently killing the Purple Man and ending the reign of Emperor Doom.

Though Killgrave was buried, he actually survived in a death-like state while his body healed his injuries. The demon known as the Dream Queen pushed Killgrave into a delusional state where he believed himself to be a living corpse. Under the Dream Queen's subtle influence, Killgrave assaulted the home of his ex-wife Melanie and his daughter Kara--who had become the teenage super hero known as the Purple Girl (later Persuasion). The Dream Queen similarly manipulated the perceptions of Kara and Melanie during these events, and it appeared that the Purple Man was consumed in a fiery explosion.

Recovering completely, Killgrave came up with the idea of using the mutant X-Man, Nate Grey, to conquer the world. Killgrave's pheromone powers enabled him to manipulate the much more powerful mutant. The Purple Man boosted Grey's confidence by making him believe that he had regenerated a friend's amputated arm (when in reality it was merely a telekinetic construct). Killgrave allied himself with the anti-national Flag Smasher, funding his terrorists, the Destabilizers, in order to test Grey, after which he sent Flag-Smasher to his seeming death. Killgrave eventually confronted Grey himself, but after he bragged about how his power worked, Grey was able to form a telekinetic shield that filtered out the pheromones, making him immune to Killgrave's manipulations. He then easily defeated the Purple Man.

After a defeat at the hands of the Defenders, Killgrave was sent to the Raft, a maximum security prison a few miles off of Ryker's Island. Jessica Jones, now retired from her costumed identity and acting as a private investigator, was hired by a group seeking closure for the deaths of their family members at Killgrave's commands. Jones confronted the Purple Man, who refused to admit to the crimes and instead mocked her.

Shortly after Jones left the Raft, Killgrave escaped, and he confronted Jones in her own house, tormenting Jessica with his plans for her. The mutant Phoenix (Jean Grey) explained to Jones how to activate a psychic defense trigger, so that Jones would never have to be Killgrave's prisoner again. Jones then beat Killgrave unconscious, and he was returned to prison.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Height: 5'11"
Weight: 165 lbs.
Eyes: Purple
Hair: Purple

Distinguishing Features: Killgrave is colored purple from head to toe.

POWERS & ABILITIES:

Superhuman Powers: The Purple Man possesses the power to sap people's wills, allowing him to command people by simple verbal suggestion. His power originates in his skin cells, which have been mutagenically altered. The sites of pheromone production and other secretions in his deep dermis produce numerous psychoactive chemicals, which when inhaled or absorbed through the skin, induce in that individual an overwhelming monomania that renders him or her completely without self.

Killgrave can simultaneously subjugate as many people as are present within the range of the psychoactive chemicals he exudes. He has been known to enthrall crowds of over 100 people. The effects only last as long as he is physically present. When he departs, the level of chemicals is reduced within his victims at various rates (dependent upon their metabolisms), and then the victims regain full cognizance of self. Killgrave is a charismatic individual, with an entrancing lilt to his speech that he has cultivated over his adult life.

Certain individuals with exceptional will-power (Daredevil, Dr. Doom, the Kingpin) or altered metabolic processes (Wonder Man) have proven able to resist his power. In addition, his abilities are ineffective against robots and other non-organic beings.

Killgrave's body has also been mutated so that he is able to recover rapidly from trauma and to heal from severe injuries. In at least one instance, he entered a death-like state while his body healed itself.

Weapons: Killgrave's agents have employed a purple will-deadening gas to overcome victims in their employer's absence. The gas is a derivative of the same chemicals that gave Killgrave his power.

SAMMY SILKE

REAL NAME: Samuel "Sammy" Silke, Jr.
KNOWN ALIASES: None, but presumably has used several in the course of his criminal activities
IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Organized crime operative/leader
CITIZENSHIP: United States citizen with criminal record
PLACE OF BIRTH: Presumably New York or New Jersey

MARITAL STATUS: Married
KNOWN RELATIVES: Sam Silke, Sr. (father), unnamed wife, unnamed children
GROUP AFFILIATION: Former operative in Chicago Ripa Family, in Kingpin's organization
EDUCATION: Unrevealed
FIRST APPEARANCE: Daredevil Vol. 2 #26 (2001)

HISTORY: The son of a notorious mobster ally of the Kingpin, Sammy Silke was a childhood friend of the Kingpin's son, Richard. The two were still boys when they watched their fathers commit murder and realized the nature of their families' activities. Silke rose to a position of power in his father's Chicago-based organization, only to disgrace himself in an unspecified incident which made him persona non grata. As part of a debt his father owed to Fisk, Silke joined the latter's organization in New York City, where he was reunited with Richard Fisk. When the Kingpin refused a request from Silke's father to assassinate attorney Matt Murdock, Silke eventually learned from Richard that Murdock was Daredevil, a secret that the Kingpin knew and kept for his own reasons. Incensed that the Kingpin would allow Daredevil's interference in their operations, Silke worked with Richard Fisk and the Kingpin's lieutenants to organize an assassination attempt on the crimelord; Silke and several others stabbed the Kingpin and left him for dead.

However, the Kingpin survived the attack, and his estranged wife, Vanessa Fisk, ordered retaliation against all participants in the attempt, killing her son Richard herself. Fleeing from retribution, his gangland takeover plans in shambles, Silke turned himself in to the FBI and attempted to use Daredevil's secret identity as a bargaining chip. This ploy failed, but the information was leaked to the press, complicating Daredevil's life dramatically. Silke was sent to prison, but his incarceration did not save him from a recovered Kingpin, who, passing himself off as Silke's visiting father, was allowed into the prison to take his vengeance on Silke.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 170 lbs.
Eyes: Black
Hair: Black

POWERS & ABILITIES

Strength Level: Sammy Silke possessed the normal human strength of a man of his age, height, and build who engaged in no regular exercise.

Superhuman Powers: None; Sammy Silke was a moderately proficient criminal strategist, skilled in the use of knives and firearms.

POWER GRID

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INTELLIGENCE							
STRENGTH							
SPEED							
DURABILITY							
ENERGY PROJECTION							
FIGHTING SKILLS							

Art by Alex Maleev

STICK

REAL NAME: Unrevealed
KNOWN ALIASES: Master, Baby Karen, possibly Yamato-Take
IDENTITY: Secret
OCCUPATION: Leader of the Chaste, sensei, pool hustler
CITIZENSHIP: Unrevealed

PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed
MARITAL STATUS: Unrevealed
KNOWN RELATIVES: None
GROUP AFFILIATION: Leader of the Chaste
EDUCATION: Unrevealed
FIRST APPEARANCE: Daredevil Vol. 1 #176 (1981)

HISTORY: Few details are available about the early life of the man called Stick, although he himself has claimed that he was born "on the street," possibly in New York. It has been alleged that he was the reincarnation of Yamato-Take, a Japanese hero who lived nearly two millennia ago, and may have demonstrated martial arts skills at an early age. During his adulthood Stick, now a master combatant who took his name from the long bo staff he used in combat, became a member of the mystic warrior order called the Chaste, and at some point became its leader in the ongoing war with the assassins of the Hand. Blind since birth, Stick developed his remaining senses to superhuman levels and also developed a "proximity sense" which enabled him to detect the details of his surroundings; Stick has claimed that anyone can develop a similar ability with sufficient training, but the circumstances under which he himself developed it are unrevealed. It is not known if Stick developed these skills before or after joining the Chaste.

Stick was already leader of the Chaste during or at least after World War II and looked much as he would in later decades. The Chaste were active abroad during the war, and at some point they approached an African-American soldier with a talent for martial arts. After the war, the soldier returned to the U.S. and instructed his son James in these arts, and the son in turn instructed his sister, Drake. In 1953, the soldier brought his son and daughter with him to the Chaste's mountain stronghold where he hoped James would earn a place. However, Stick quickly realized that Drake's need and skill were stronger than James's. James had passed his lessons on to her for three years, and when Stick discovered this illicit activity, he insisted that the siblings engage each other in battle, with only the victor allowed to remain. Drake outfought James and studied with the Chaste for two years, but Stick banished her from the retreat for accidentally killing a fellow acolyte in combat; she subsequently joined the Hand, then withdrew from the guild to become an instructor.

When young Matt Murdock was blinded by radioactive material which enhanced his remaining senses, Stick, sensing Murdock's great potential as a warrior, sought him out. Stick trained the youth in acrobatics, martial arts, and the mastery of his new superhuman abilities. However, he ultimately abandoned Murdock as a student, claiming that he was too undisciplined and emotional to suit the Chaste's standards. It is not known how long Stick remained in New York following this decision.

Years later, Murdock entered Columbia University and fell in love with fellow student Elektra Natchios, herself an accomplished martial artist; Stick foresaw that Elektra had the potential for great evil; approaching his former student for the first time in years, he warned Murdock to stay away from her, advice that Murdock did not heed. It was Elektra who broke off the relationship, abandoning her former life following her father's murder. Stick next approached Elektra, warning her of the dangers of vengeance, but she too ignored him and sought the men responsible for her father's death. During the confrontation, Elektra faced death herself, but she was rescued by a Hand assassin. After her departure, Stick confronted the assassin, who disintegrated before him, but Stick now knew that the Hand had also noticed Elektra's potential. Troubled, Stick returned to the Chaste's retreat.

Art by Bill Sienkiewicz

Many months later, Elektra, still seeking to rebuild herself after her father's death, climbed the Chaste's mountain in an effort to reach the retreat. She faltered near the top but was assisted by Stick, who had decided to give her the opportunity to prove herself. Elektra studied with the Chaste for a year, but Stick ultimately decided that she was too driven by anger and sent her away. Elektra was subsequently recruited by the Hand and later became a freelance assassin. As for Stick, he returned to New York, where Matt Murdock was forming a law firm with his classmate and friend, Foggy Nelson. Stick, perhaps sensing the hazards that Murdock would face as the costumed Daredevil, warned him against complacency and reminded him that he had not achieved Stick's own exacting standards.

Stick had no further contact with his former student until years later, when Daredevil temporarily lost his radar sense after being caught in a bomb explosion; it is not known if Stick returned to New York as he had a premonition of this crisis or if he had been there for years already, but Daredevil found him eking out a living as a pool hustler. Again calling upon the methods he had used with the young Murdock, Stick guided Daredevil in regaining his radar sense. By now Stick realized that a showdown between the Chaste and the Hand was coming, and he remained in New York to prepare for the coming battle.

Weeks later, after summoning six other Chaste members to New York, Stick was attacked by four Hand assassins but drove them off. Only three other Chaste members---Claw, Shalt, and Stone---arrived in New York, and Stick met with them at Matt Murdock's apartment. At this time, Daredevil was suffering from a magnification of his enhanced senses and had confined himself in a sensory deprivation tank to escape the relentless input he was receiving. Stick's telepathic communication with Daredevil was broken by the arrival of more Hand warriors, including the giant Kirigi, and Daredevil left the tank, his senses somehow restored to their usual level, to help defeat the assassins. Following the arrival of the Black Widow, who had been poisoned by the Hand but was restored to health by Stone, another wave of assassins arrived; realizing that they were overwhelmed by numbers, Stick and Shalt drained the life force of the Hand assassins into their own bodies; the energy overload resulted in the physical deaths of Stick and Shalt.

However, Stick survived death as a corporeal spirit, and when Daredevil began suffering a nervous collapse after faking his own death and attempting to live a new identity, Stick appeared before him to physically and emotionally challenge him into facing his fears. Stick also advised Elektra, directing her to help the mutant Wolverine to control his bestial nature. Not long after, Stick himself appeared before Wolverine while the hero was rescuing a child from a burning building; Stick led the pair to safety, then confronted Wolverine within the flames, warning him that ultimately it was Wolverine, not Elektra or Stick, who would have to find the way back to humanity. Stick continued to advise Elektra on finding a new path in life, away from the violence that had previously typified her existence, and when the demonic samurai Ogun plagued Wolverine with the attempted resurrection of Wolverine's dead lover Mariko Yashida, Stick guided Yashida's restless spirit back into death and warned Wolverine of Ogun's threat.

When Elektra inadvertently allowed a Hand spy into the Chaste retreat, the order found itself overwhelmed by a Hand invasion and was seemingly massacred. With the Chaste's defeat, the spectre of Stick lost substance, becoming silent and more unfocused before apparently passing from the material world entirely. Stick's spirit is currently believed to have been reincarnated in an infant named Karen, whose life became entwined with Daredevil's through the machinations of the criminal Mysterio. The future of Baby Karen remains to be determined.

Art by Frank Miller

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Height: 5'9"
Weight: 135 lbs.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: White

POWERS & ABILITIES:

Superhuman Powers: Stick possessed a "proximity sense" that enabled him to perceive his surroundings despite his blindness; he also had highly developed senses of hearing, smell, taste, and touch. He could communicate telepathically with others over an undefined distance, and he was able to mentally drain the life force from others, killing them if he so chose, although he could only absorb a certain amount of force before it proved too much for his system and killed him. The full parameters of Stick's mental powers were never revealed; it is possible that, like his fellow warrior Stone, he was able to resurrect the dead under certain circumstances. He appears to have aged little if at all over a period of decades, indicating that his aging process had been slowed or halted altogether.

As a spirit, Stick demonstrated an apparently unlimited ability to materialize wherever he chose and was seemingly immune to any form of physical injury. He also demonstrated the ability to project realistic images that could fool even Daredevil's radar sense; he may have possessed additional ghostly powers that were not depicted.

Stick was a master hand-to-hand combatant trained in several forms of martial arts. He wielded a long wooden bo staff in battle.

POWER GRID

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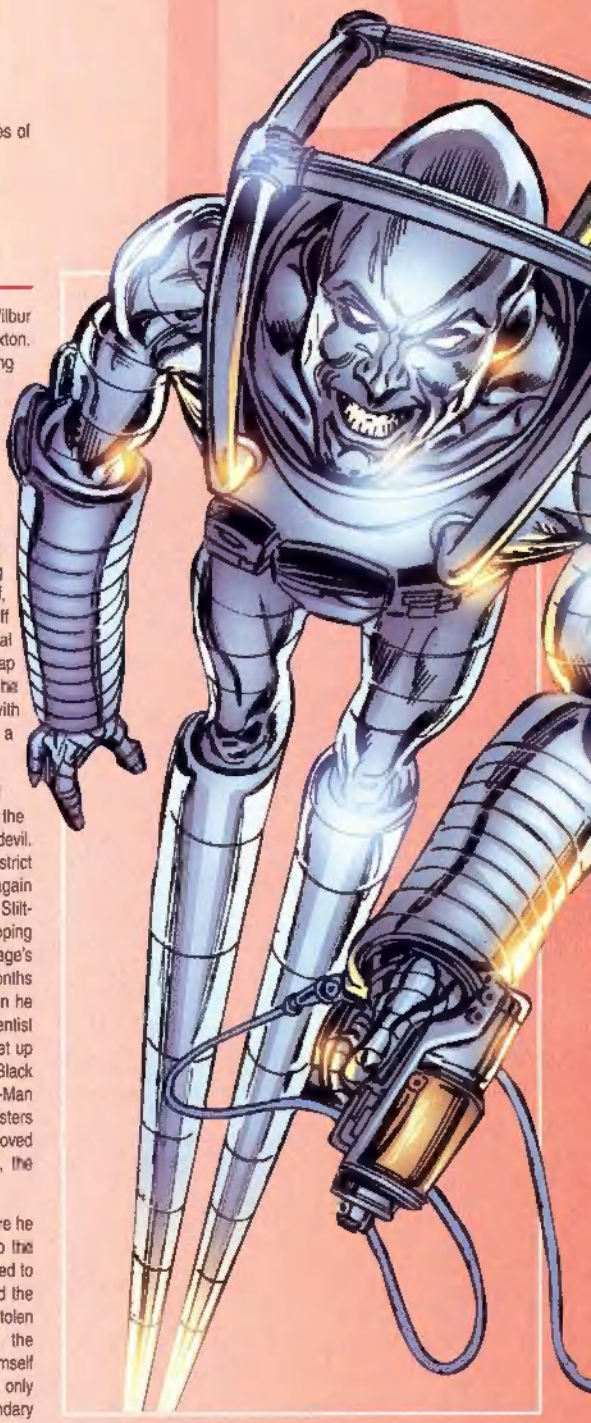
INTELLIGENCE							
STRENGTH							
SPEED							
DURABILITY							
ENERGY PROJECTION							
FIGHTING SKILLS							

REAL NAME: Wilbur Day
KNOWN ALIASES: None
IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Former scientist, now professional criminal
CITIZENSHIP: U.S. citizen with a criminal record
PLACE OF BIRTH: New York City
MARITAL STATUS: Single
KNOWN RELATIVES: None
GROUP AFFILIATION: Former member of Electro's Emissaries of Evil, Kingpin's Emissaries of Evil, and the Gang of Four
EDUCATION: Degrees in physics and mechanical engineering
FIRST APPEARANCE: Daredevil Vol. 1 #8 (1965)

HISTORY: While working as an inventor at Kaxton Industries, Wilbur Day stole plans for a hydraulic ram from his employer, Carl Kaxton. Using the design to create armored telescoping stilts and adding a full-body battlesuit, Day set out on a one-man crime spree as the Stilt-Man. However, he was not prepared to take the blame for stealing the design itself, so, as Day, he visited the law firm of Nelson and Murdock, claiming that Kaxton had stolen the hydraulic plans from him. Matt Murdock, secretly Daredevil, accompanied him to a confrontation with Kaxton, which ended with Day exposed as the Stilt-Man; he attempted to salvage the situation by stealing an experimental molecular condenser, but the attempt was interrupted by Daredevil. During the resulting struggle, the condenser's rays shone upon the Stilt-Man himself, shrinking him into a microscopic dimension. The effect wore off some weeks later, and the Stilt-Man returned to his criminal activities, allying with the Masked Marauder in an attempt to trap their common foe Daredevil; in the course of this campaign, he clashed with the hero Spider-Man, whom he downed with concentrated gas. This first victory over a super hero proved a fleeting one, as Daredevil defeated him minutes later.

Perhaps hoping to find strength in numbers, the Stilt-Man joined forces with Electro and several other costumed criminals as the Emissaries of Evil, but none of them could triumph over Daredevil. He next tried his hand as a hired assassin and was sent after District Attorney candidate Foggy Nelson, but Daredevil once again defeated him. Thinking a change of venue was in order, the Stilt-Man relocated to California, but Daredevil also made the trip, hoping to reconcile with his ex-girlfriend Karen Page; on the set of Page's TV show, the Stilt-Man attacked his longtime foe, to no avail. Months later, the Stilt-Man was reunited with another old enemy when he abducted Carl Kaxton in San Francisco, hoping to force the scientist to rebuild the molecular condenser; however, Daredevil had set up residence in San Francisco as well, and with his ally the Black Widow he made short work of the luckless villain. The Stilt-Man turned his attention to new enemies when Los Angeles gangsters hired him to kill the heroic Falcon, but the trip to New York proved wasted as he was defeated by the Falcon and his partner, the legendary Captain America.

The Stilt-Man's finest hour awaited him back in California where he fought the fledgling hero Black Goliath whom he banished to the planet Kirgar via his new Z-ray weapon. The hero soon returned to Earth, and the pair again clashed when the Stilt-Man invaded the headquarters of the Champions in search of a power source stolen from the powerful Stranger. The Stilt-Man's battle with the Champions ended with his Z-ray destroyed, although he himself escaped. He was nevertheless imprisoned not long afterward, only to be freed by the extradimensional Blastaar and receive Secondary Adamantium armor from the sentient computer F.A.U.S.T. (Fully



Art by Phil Winslade

Automated Unit of Structural Technology). Thus enhanced, the Stilt-Man went out to steal radioactive isotopes for F.A.U.S.T.'s [illegible] and dared imagine he could defeat Thor, a hope that the thunder god soon dashed.

Deprived of his augmented armor, the Stilt-Man used his earlier battlesuit in a return to his mercenary role when he was hired to kidnap NYC Assistant District Attorney Maxine Lavender. However, fellow [illegible] criminal Turk Barrett waylaid him and stole his [illegible]. Even armored, Barrett proved more effective against Daredevil than had the real Stilt-Man, who assisted Daredevil in defeating Barrett and who [illegible] now seriously questioning his abilities. He sought to capitalize on his earlier victory and again battled Spider-Man, but his attempts to augment his armor at a Cordco factory were interrupted by the hero's arrival. The resultant fight ended when Spider-Man took a blast from the factory's defenses to save the Stilt-Man's life. Moved by the sacrifice, the Stilt-Man took the unconscious hero to safety and then departed.

His act of kindness notwithstanding, the Stilt-Man soon returned to the West Coast [illegible] to burglary, only to have his [illegible] immobilized by Iron Man. He sued Stark Enterprises for [illegible] of excessive force and received a hefty settlement, then headed back to New York with a spare set of [illegible]. Unfortunately, his bad luck returned, and he was soon sentenced to prison by D.A. Blake Tower; escaping, he sought vengeance on Tower but was defeated by the She-Hulk and former super hero Louise Mason. He nevertheless evaded capture [illegible] but [illegible] with failure in ill-conceived attacks on the Fantastic Four and the Avengers.

The Stilt-Man met perhaps his most ignominious moment when he, along with several [illegible] criminals, sought to obtain a valuable supply of grease. Having retrieved the [illegible] from storage, he learned during a clash with Daredevil that his suit had become home to hundreds of swarming cockroaches; panicking, he stumbled away from the scene, only to be greeted with a faceful of insecticide at a bystander's window. After a thorough airing of his armor, he joined forces with the others in pursuit of the grease, but Daredevil defeated them all, the encounter ending with the Stilt-Man trapped in the very grease by which he had hoped to profit.

By now sorely aware of his limitations, the Stilt-Man [illegible], over the next few months, rarely seen outside the company of his fellow super-villains, whom he joined as a witness at the trial of the Tinkerer, a customer at an AIM weapons expo, a guest at the wedding of the Absorbing Man and Titania, and a patron of underworld bars. An attempt to commit [illegible] outside of New York only earned him a new enemy, Razorback, who defeated him at a rest stop outside Baltimore. He seemingly hit the big time once more when he joined the Kingpin's new Emissaries of Evil and accompanied the crimelord on a European trip, but [illegible] had him face an amnesiac Daredevil, temporarily locked in [illegible] identity; thus neither enemy recognized the other. The encounter ended predictably enough, and the defeated Stilt-Man was kept silent when the Kingpin had him paralyzed by an electromagnetic bio-pulse.

The brief paralysis may have affected the Stilt-Man's mind, for when next heard from he had been committed to a federal mental institution. He was released by the Owl to serve with Copperhead and a new Gladiator in the Gang of Four. The unstable Stilt-Man killed several of the Kingpin's underlings during the Owl's quest for power. However, Copperhead turned on his comrades, intending to sacrifice them to demonic powers, but his efforts were halted by Daredevil and Spider-Man.

Solo and sane again months later, the Stilt-Man craved vengeance on Daredevil, but met quick defeat from Spider-Man, bringing his history full circle. He then sought an [illegible] criminal path by purchasing part of the Kingpin's fragmented empire from Vanessa Fisk, only to have control wrested from him by the Owl, who broke the Stilt-Man's arm in their clash. Finally disgusted with his life, the Stilt-Man decided to abandon the New York underworld altogether. In an echo of his earlier attempt to prove ownership of Kaxton's designs, he turned his [illegible] over to Matt Murdock, who added insult to injury by pretending that they had never even met. The Stilt-Man vowed to leave New York, but whether he followed through on his resolve remains to be seen.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Height: [illegible]; ([illegible] battlesuit) maximum of [illegible]
Weight: 150 lbs.; (with battlesuit) 400 lbs.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Formerly gray, now bald

POWERS & ABILITIES:

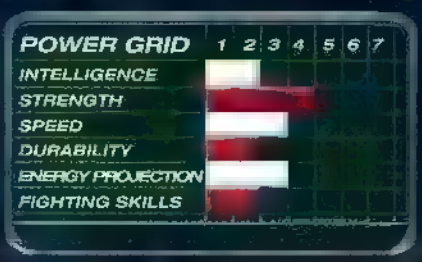
Superhuman Powers: Unarmored, the Stilt-Man possesses no superhuman [illegible] he is a skilled inventor and a [illegible] proficient disguise [illegible] and hand-to-hand combatant.

PARAPHERNALIA:

Accessories: [illegible] wore an armored suit of articulated tool-steel alloy segments, powered by [illegible] batteries and coated with a special silicon compound. It amplified the wearer's strength [illegible] tenfold, allowed its wearer to [illegible] at speeds of up [illegible] thirty [illegible] per [illegible] and was impervious to bullets and many other forms [illegible] attack. It [illegible] air-purifier, gas releasers, and other accessories which could be added or removed as needed. The [illegible]'s stilts could [illegible] to a maximum [illegible] of [illegible] 280 feet and [illegible] be used as battering rams with a force [illegible] sixty [illegible]

Later in his career, the [illegible] the armor so that its arms and [illegible] could elongate at [illegible] maximum [illegible] these functions was never determined; [illegible] stilts were equipped to detach from [illegible] main armor in [illegible] event of being held immobile, with [illegible] propulsion added [illegible]

In addition to his armor, the Stilt-Man has [illegible] various other weapons [illegible] his [illegible] grenades, [illegible] particle beam blasters, a vacuum device [illegible] and jewelry from victims, and a "Z-ray" weapon that could [illegible] to another [illegible] and [illegible] perform other [illegible]



REAL NAME: Turk Barrett
KNOWN ALIASES: M.A.U.L.E.R., Stilt-Man
IDENTITY: No dual identity
OCCUPATION: Professional criminal

CITIZENSHIP: Citizen of the United States of America with a criminal record
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed
MARITAL STATUS: Presumably single
KNOWN RELATIVES: None
GROUP AFFILIATION: Formerly Eric Slaughter's gang, the Kingpin's agents, and the Thunderbolts gang
EDUCATION: High school dropout
FIRST [redacted]E: Daredevil Vol. 1 #69 (1970)

HISTORY: Turk [redacted] a member of the Thunderbolts street gang who were secretly funded and directed by the Zodiac Cartel. Turk tried to force former soldier Billy Carver to join, but was defeated by Carver, Daredevil, and the Black Panther, after which Turk was ousted from the group. Despite his perception of being a man of vision, Turk was never able to rise above the status of petty thug. With Eric Slaughter's gang, he was employed by Bullseye to kill Daredevil. Turk received a broken jaw, and was recognized as an easy target by Daredevil, who used Turk to lead him to Slaughter and Bullseye. Slaughter fired Turk after another failure.

In between getting repeatedly thrown through the plate glass window of Josie's Bar & Grill, Turk briefly worked for Kingpin and lesser crime boss Injun Joe. He blew a chance to kill Daredevil by trying to add some "style" to the killing. Turk later stole a M.A.U.L.E.R. (Mobile Armored Utility Laser-guided Electron-beam Emitter, Revised) armor, but it only allowed him to last about twenty seconds against Daredevil. He later stole the Stilt-Man armor from Wilbur Day (after catching him unarmored and hitting him from behind), but Day told Daredevil how to disable the suit's gyros and Turk quickly spun to a painful landing. Turk has also been an informant or pawn of Dr. Octopus, reporter Kat Farrell, Iron Man, "Foggy" Nelson, Night Thrasher, the Vice Agent, and Wolverine. In Ryker's Island Prison he tried to escape with the Punisher, only to have the rope ladder pulled off above him. He once stabbed a maddened Matt Murdock, who failed to recognize his old foe. He recently tried to kill the Kingpin right in front of a group of FBI agents, who arrested him.

185 lbs.
Brown
Black

[redacted] Powers: Turk briefly possessed power by stealing the M.A.U.L.E.R. suit (granting him superhuman [redacted] and flight and the ability to project energy blasts, (though he may not have appreciated the [redacted]bility) and the Stilt-Man suit (superhuman strength, durability, ability to attain great height). However, his lack of experience and [redacted] sense has prevented him from exploiting these suits to their utmost.

Turk is aware of [redacted] of the criminal [redacted]y in New York City. His [redacted] wrong [redacted] choosing [redacted] borders [redacted] the [redacted]. Turk also [redacted] from a steroid-responsive vitiligo, which has caused his skin pigment to fade to a degree when not treated.

Art by Frank Miller

TYPHOID

REAL NAME: Mary (last name possibly Mezinis or Walker)
KNOWN ALIASES: Bloody Mary, Innocent Mary, Typhoid Mary, Mary Walker, formerly Lyla,
IDENTITY: Known to U.S. legal and psychiatric authorities
OCCUPATION: Professional criminal; former actress, teacher
CITIZENSHIP: United States of America with no known criminal record

PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed
MARITAL STATUS: Single
KNOWN RELATIVES: None
GROUP AFFILIATION: Former operative of the Kingpin
EDUCATION: Unrevealed
FIRST APPEARANCE: Daredevil Vol. 1 #254 (1988)

HISTORY: The exact history of Mary remains uncertain. By some accounts she has possessed two personalities since infancy, and has claimed to remember hearing the screaming of her parents in utero. She spent most of her childhood in psychiatric institutions being studied by doctors. Her more aggressive persona was code-named Typhoid due to its continual fever. The more passive Mary was oblivious to Typhoid, but Typhoid was aware of Mary, whom she despised. Unspecified acts allegedly perpetrated against her by man (perhaps even relatives) strengthened the Typhoid persona. There is also some evidence that Mary may have been a research subject, received psychic surgery, and possibly even served as a field operative of an unspecified group.

As Typhoid, Walker managed to escape her confinement and elude authorities. Eventually, Mary emerged as a successful stage actress, but she suddenly vanished, resurfacing in New York City as a prostitute named Lyla. One night, a masked Matt Murdock entered her brothel, attacking a customer involved with his father's killers. Believing Murdock to be a police officer, the prostitutes attacked him. He panicked and lashed out, accidentally pushing Lyla through a window to the streets below. Mary survived the fall and swore never to be hurt by a man again.

The fall changed Typhoid, even as she repressed the memory; she became increasingly violent toward men. She started a new career in Chicago as a master thief and blackmailer. At some point, she encountered and romanced the mercenary T-Ray for months in Belize, though they parted harshly. Subsequently, she came to Hell's Kitchen where she began wrecking gambling dens, destroying drug houses, and killing criminals. All of these operations were part of the Kingpin's empire, and her actions attracted the crime lord's attention. Impressed by her abilities, the Kingpin paid her one million dollars to launch a campaign of emotional warfare against Daredevil, revealing him to be Murdock as well.

The innocent Mary attracted the attentions of Murdock while Typhoid began to assault Daredevil. As Murdock's attraction to Mary grew, the Kingpin correctly suspected that Mary genuinely loved Murdock. Attracted to Mary himself, the jealous Kingpin ordered her to break Murdock's heart by revealing she was also Typhoid. However, Typhoid realized the Kingpin was right about Mary, and that Mary was growing stronger. To maintain control and to punish Mary, Typhoid recruited Ammo, Bullet, Bushwacker, and the Wild Boys (Jet and Spit) to kill Daredevil. With the group Typhoid delivered a series of beatings that left Daredevil nearly dead. Mary, however, asserted her personality and brought Murdock to a hospital, which saved his life.

Daredevil recovered, but was badly disillusioned and left New York, while Mary became the Kingpin's chief assassin and lover. During this time, she encountered the monstrous Lifeform, narrowly surviving the experience. A Dr. Doom robot employed her to destroy the youthful adventurers Power Pack, but she merely used her powers to torment them. She stood by the Kingpin during the power struggle between the Kingpin and the Red Skull (Johann Schmidt). When Daredevil returned to New York, he began an assault against the Kingpin. Daredevil seduced Typhoid, deliberately driving her into the Mary persona, then left her to be taken to a psychiatric institution.

Art by Alex Maleev

Escaping, Mary was sought out by Wolverine, who suspected connections between her and the psychic surgery facility known as the Project (a.k.a. the Fortress), which created sleeper agents for the U.S. government. As they investigated, Mary sought to have them cure her of her dual personae, but Wolverine had to save her from sabotage and murder by immoral Project agents; she returned to Typhoid's persona before fleeing. Using medication to control her emotions, Mary worked with the Woman's Action Movement and was present at a mall in upstate New York when it was assaulted by the demon Dusk. With the aid of the Ghost Rider (Dan Ketch), Typhoid drove off Dusk, though she literally entered his Realm of Madness in the process.

Returning to an institution, Mary was again recruited by Wolverine. The two were joined by Daredevil, Vengeance (Michael Badalino), and the Fortress's own agent Steel Raven in freeing the young metamorph/empath Jessie from the Fortress before they could perform psychic surgery on him. In the process, the Fortress had captured Typhoid, and their psychic experimentation unleashed a third, more violent persona known as Bloody Mary. With Jessie's help, she also developed a fourth persona, Mary Walker, a seeming amalgam of her other three personae.

Still attempting pharmacologic regulation of her personae, she began tracking down men with a history of abusing women. As Typhoid, she located and attracted the men, then slaughtered them as Bloody Mary. She attracted the attention of Spider-Man, who opposed her in both of her personae. Spider-Man talked her down and convinced Mary Walker to admit herself to the Ravencroft Institute for insane superhumans.

Mary Walker was released into a halfway house where she began work as a private detective. She investigated the Westside Ripper, who actually turned out to be three separate people who were killing prostitutes. In the process she was captured and studied by a pair of would-be psychotherapists and film-makers, Quince Taranova and Trent, who had learned of her via a recording of her previous therapy given to them by an unethical doctor. Escaping the pair, Typhoid learned that Quince's mother was one of the killers, seeking vengeance on the prostitutes her husband visited. Typhoid executed the other two killers--Officer Racette and Detective Richards-- but could not bring herself to kill a woman.

Back in another institution, Typhoid's persona became dominant again and she contacted the mercenary Deadpool, hiring him to break her out. Deadpool and Typhoid later struggled and he kicked her through a window, rekindling memories of her previous trauma in the brothel. She confronted Daredevil, seeking vengeance as well as revealing their common past to him. Though regretful of his past actions, Daredevil fought back and subdued her. Deadpool took Typhoid away, but she then went on a killing spree that Deadpool was forced to stop. Typhoid then tormented and seduced Deadpool by posing as the mutant Siryn, with whom Deadpool was infatuated.

Typhoid continued to work as a mercenary, but her Mary persona took over again, retaining control via hypnotherapy and other means. Mary returned to her acting career, both in theatre and in a television soap opera, returning as Typhoid only long enough to attend Deadpool's funeral (though he later revived). Eventually, the Kingpin, reclaiming his lost empire, violently confronted Mary and brought Typhoid back to the surface. He sent her to kill Murdock, but with the aid of Luke Cage and Jessica Jones, Daredevil defeated her once again.

It remains to be seen where Typhoid will turn up next, as well as whom she will plague, or even who she will be.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Height: 5'10"
Weight: 140 lbs.
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown

Distinguishing Features: Typhoid wears white make-up on the right side of her face.

Superhuman Powers: Typhoid possesses limited telekinetic powers that enable her to levitate small objects (up to approximately 10 pounds) over short distances. She possesses pyrokinesis, enabling her to set objects in her immediate vicinity aflame. Typhoid can also implant mental suggestions in the mind of an unsuspecting individual. She can mentally induce human beings of low intelligence or animals to fall asleep.

In her Mary persona she usually cannot access any of these abilities. Typhoid is able to manipulate Mary to some extent. Bloody Mary possesses the full range of Typhoid's powers.

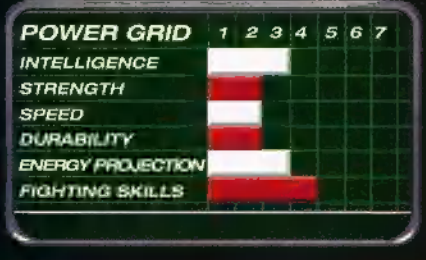
Typhoid's heartbeat rate, alpha waves, electroencephalographic patterns, biorhythms, and even her scent are different in each of her personae. As Typhoid she runs a continual fever. For unknown reasons (perhaps psychic interference), Daredevil cannot get a clear image of her as Typhoid with his radar sense, nor is he able to follow her heartbeat clearly.

Abilities: Typhoid has exceptional, though not superhuman, physical abilities (strength, speed, agility, stamina, reflexes), and she is a highly formidable hand-to-hand combatant. She has some training in judo and has exceptional skill in wielding and throwing bladed weapons.

While Mary is timid, pleasant, and helpful, Typhoid is aggressive, lusty, and violent. The Bloody Mary persona is the most violent of them all, possessing none of Typhoid's sexual lust, just a savage desire to slay and punish men. Her seldom seen Mary Walker persona seems to be a rational amalgam of her other three personae.

Weapons: Typhoid carried a variety of machetes and smaller knives. As Bloody Mary, she typically uses her telekinesis to shield her body with various scraps of metal.

Weaknesses: Typhoid suffers from Dissociative Identity Disorder (formerly known as Multiple Personality Disorder or Split Personality), and her differing personalities sometime struggle for dominance or oppose each other. Mary has a form of epilepsy, causing intermittent seizures.



BEN URICH

REAL NAME: Ben Urich
KNOWN ALIASES: None
IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Reporter
CITIZENSHIP: U.S. citizen with no criminal record
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed
MARITAL STATUS: Married

KNOWN RELATIVES: Doris (wife); Arnold (brother); Mindy (sister-in-law); Ken (nephew); Philip (a.k.a. Green Goblin, nephew); unnamed father
GROUP AFFILIATION: Daily Bugle staff
EDUCATION: NYU degree in journalism
FIRST APPEARANCE: Daredevil Vol. 1 #153 (1978)

HISTORY: The product of an abusive home life, Ben Urich initially hoped to become a great novelist, but college disabused him of this notion. Changing his interest to journalism, he obtained a job as copy boy for the Daily Bugle while still in college and began his reporting career under city editor Jimmy Hughes; before graduating, he met a woman named Doris at Coney Island, and the two eventually married. Urich longed to put his talent to work on criminal investigations and sought leads on such crime figures as Hammerhead and Fortunato, but after years of reporting he remained assigned to minor news items. In the course of pursuing one such event, a farm festival, he was present at a diner when the criminal called Kruel burst upon the scene, fleeing from his employer, Kingpin Wilson Fisk. Fisk beat Kruel and left him for dead, then had Urich and other witnesses drugged to forget the encounter. Perhaps subconsciously influenced by this incident, Urich's efforts to break into crime investigation soon proved successful, and he covered both petty and organized crime in New York, occasionally working with photographer Peter Parker, secretly the super-hero Spider-Man.

Despite his relative success, Urich hoped for a major news story that would earn him recognition and perhaps the Pulitzer Prize. He focused on the costumed hero Daredevil, and he soon amassed heavy files on the hero, on whom he spent hours of research. Urich's work paid off when he deduced Daredevil's secret identity of Matt Murdock and successfully traced the events that had led Murdock to begin his crimefighting career. However, Urich empathized with the hero and his mission, and when the two met in person, Urich even aided Daredevil during one of the hero's own investigations. He spoke with Daredevil to confirm his own conclusions, then, having decided that the good Daredevil did in New York outweighed his own desire for fame, he burned his files, leaving the secret his own for the time being.

Shortly after these events, Urich met with a source in pursuit of an investigation of crooked mayoral candidate Randolph Cherryh, only to see his source slain by Elektra, at that time assassin for the Kingpin. Elektra warned Urich to drop his investigations, but he found another method of forestalling Cherryh's rise to office when he discovered the whereabouts of the Kingpin's estranged wife Vanessa, living in the sewers as an amnesiac. Alongside Daredevil, he ventured into the realm of the deranged King of the Sewers and watched as Daredevil won Vanessa's freedom. Daredevil then offered the Kingpin Vanessa's return in exchange for Cherryh's fall, an offer the crimelord felt forced to accept.

Urich soon learned that, having earned the Kingpin's attention, he would not easily escape it. Subsequently investigating what he took to be false allegations of misconduct by his mentor Jimmy Hughes, he learned of a housing offer that could take his wife Doris and himself to a higher standard of living. However, after learning that Hughes had indeed acted under mob influence in his newspaper work, Urich also learned that the housing offer was covertly controlled by the Kingpin, who wanted the reporter in his debt. Urich ultimately ran the story about Hughes, and, when Doris learned of the Kingpin's manipulations from Daredevil, she agreed not to pursue the house.

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When the Kingpin learned Daredevil's secret identity and orchestrated his enemy's downfall, Urich investigated police lieutenant Nick Manolis, who had been extorted into framing Murdock for criminal activities. During their interview, one of the Kingpin's operatives, a woman named Lois, severely beat Manolis, pausing to break Urich's fingers. Afraid for his life, Urich dropped the investigation, but his shame at this intimidation prevented him from working. When Manolis called him to confess, Urich feigned ignorance of the subject, only to listen, horror-stricken, as Lois murdered Manolis. Urich regained his dedication and wrote an expose of Murdock's framing, but in return, he and his wife were targeted by the Kingpin, who sent Lois to kill them both. Daredevil rescued the Urichs and captured Lois, who was sent to prison. Urich attempted to interview her there, only to see her slain by more of the Kingpin's operatives; a prison guard shot down one of the assailants, and Urich, driven by adrenaline, beat the other to death with his own gun. Following these events, Urich continued to find himself the object of the Kingpin's interest, as when the crimelord manipulated him into a reunion with his high school sweetheart, Emily Blake, in hope of damaging Urich's marriage; however, Urich refused to be intimidated again.

Urich's own investigation came back to haunt him when fellow reporter Sara Harrington discovered fragments of Urich's Daredevil notes and wrote her own expose on the hero's secret identity, despite Urich's protests. The charge seemed false when Matt Murdock's home was searched and no incriminating evidence was found, but Daredevil himself, concerned by the coverage, faked the death of his civilian identity and took the new identity of Jack Batlin while augmenting his costume with body armor. Unaware of this move, Urich was grief-stricken when Murdock was reported dead and held himself partially responsible for allowing Harrington to uncover his notes.

Urich threw himself into a new project, a book detailing the histories of the various criminals who had used the Green Goblin identity, most notably industrialist Norman Osborn and his son Harry, both believed dead. His investigations led to an abandoned warehouse laboratory, where, unknown to him, his intern and nephew Philip was inadvertently bonded to a high-tech mask, which he used to briefly become a heroic, if somewhat frivolous, Green Goblin. However, Urich's investigation of a seemingly defunct criminal legacy faded before another forgotten danger when Kruel, having spent the last few years in amnesiac wandering, began tracking down the witnesses to his clash with the Kingpin in deluded hope of rebuilding his memories via their deaths. He attacked Ben and Doris Urich, leaving Doris hospitalized for a time. When Daredevil, in his new costume, investigated, Urich, believing him to be an impostor cashing in on Murdock's reputation, scorned him, although Daredevil nevertheless defeated Kruel. Weeks later, Daredevil, undergoing a mental crisis, changed to his original yellow costume and taunted Urich at his office window. Urich was unsure of what to make of these developments, but his efforts to understand them were interrupted when Mister Fear (Cranston) abducted him as part of a trap against Daredevil. The hero, back in his familiar red costume, rescued Urich, who despite the familiar garb failed to recognize Daredevil as Murdock. Eventually Murdock revealed that his death had been a hoax, and he renewed his friendship with Urich.

Still pursuing his book, Urich sought an interview with Harry Osborn's widow Liz, but the exchange was interrupted when three female robots abducted Osborn's young son Normie as part of an computerized contingency plan set into motion by Osborn prior to his death. Accompanied by Spider-Man and the Molten Man, Urich helped uncover Normie's whereabouts and rescue the child; in the course of this adventure, he came to suspect Spider-Man's secret identity, but, having learned his lesson from Daredevil's travails, chose not to pursue it. He completed his book, "Dynasty of Evil," which proved a financial success, but he faced an unexpected complication when Norman Osborn showed up alive and well, claiming vendettas against Urich and others at the Daily Bugle. Later occupied by his own megalomaniacal schemes, Osborn declined to pursue legal action against Urich for supposed slander, but he did publish his own autobiography, whose allegations cast aspersions on Urich's work.

Urich next threw himself into an investigation of young Timmy Lange, an abused and autistic boy who had witnessed a fight between his father, one of the costumed criminals called Leap-Frog, and Daredevil; Urich became so engrossed in Timmy's story, in which he saw parallels of his own childhood, that he failed to cover an ongoing trial of the Kingpin, and he later made arrangements for the boy to live with the Urichs while he recovered from his trauma. However, he was soon brought back to his former concerns when the Daily Globe revealed Daredevil's secret identity as Matt Murdock. Urich's claim that the allegation was false hardly endeared him to Bugle publisher J. Jonah Jameson, who was determined to use the revelation in his campaign against costumed heroes, but Jameson nevertheless trusted Urich with an assignment to follow former costumed hero Jessica Jones, whom Jameson believed was involved in the disappearance of his ward, Mattie Franklin. Urich aided Jones in discovering that Franklin had in fact been abducted by a cartel distributing a Mutant Growth Hormone drug, and she was soon returned to the Jamesons.

Although Urich grew closer to Jones as they were both assigned to a newspaper feature highlighting costumed superhumans, he became estranged from Daredevil, whose actions had become increasingly erratic. When Daredevil disappeared for a time, Milla Donovan, whom he had secretly married, sought out Urich, who discovered the hero in a secret hospital facility. Urich expressed his concerns that Daredevil was suffering a nervous breakdown, a theory that brought Daredevil's marriage into dissolution, and it remains to be seen how Daredevil's recovery will affect his friendship with Urich.